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MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Are they given sufficient clothing and beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Certainly.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does the honourable member think that allowing the patients to lie on the floor is good for them?

DR. S. JOHN: There is no other way of accommodating them.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does not the honourable member think that this is not the proper way of accommodating them?

DR. S. JOHN: When the new system of having three or four first class hospitals and keeping all the others as minor feeding hospitals, comes into force this question will not arise.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Does the honourable member mean thereby that the patients will have to suffer in the meantime?

PRESIDENT: That is undoubtedly a grievance. In the General Hospital there were 500 patients while there were only 300 beds available. Therefore 200 of them had to remain on the ground. The result was that the Government ordered that nobody should be accommodated on the floor and the extra patients were sent to the Peroorkada Hospital. Government thought it better not to admit these patients rather than admit them under indifferent conditions. That will be the policy of Government in the future.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Are the patients protected from the inclemency of weather?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: As far as I know, they are not protected.

PRESIDENT: That statement is questioned.

In-patients in the Parur District Hospital.

119. ***MR. P. O. THOMAS** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of in-patients admitted into the Parur Hospital in 1109 and 1118?

DR. S. JOHN:

Year.	*In-patients.*
1109	1391
1118	2062

Diet in Parur District Hospital.

120. ***MR. P. O. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state the allotment for diet in the Parur District Hospital for the years 1109 and 1118?

DR. S. JOHN:

	Rs.
1109	700
1118	1595

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